

ARTICLE 8. NOTIFICATION REQUIRED

Sec. 5-81. Notification of vehicular collision with domestic animal.

A person whose vehicle causes accidental injury or death to a domestic animal in the City shall stop at once, assess the extent of the injury to the extent that it is safe to do so, and immediately notify the animal's owner/guardian, if known, or the South Bend Animal Resource Center, either directly or through a local law enforcement agency, together with a description of the animal struck, the location of the striking and an estimate as to the condition of the animal after being struck, along with the rabies tag number of the animal, if it can safely be ascertained. Such person shall not be required to report his or her name, as the only purpose of this requirement is to aid the stricken animal and notify its owner/guardian, if any.

Sec. 5-82. Notification of lost or stray animals required.

(a) A finder shall comply with the following:

- (1) Notification. Finder must notify SBARC within 24 hours or next business day to file found report which shall include: pictures, description of animal, gender, alter status (if known), location/time/date found, distinguishing features (i.e. injuries, collar, specific markings, rabies tag information, etc.).
- (2) Microchip Scan. Finder must have the animal scanned for a microchip. Finder can present the animal to SBARC to be scanned for a microchip or animal may be scanned by a Preferred Scanner Partner in the community.
 - i. However, if scanned by anyone other than SBARC or a Preferred Scanner Partner and no microchip is found, finder must take the animal to SBARC to be scanned again.
- (3) Finder custody. At the discretion of the Division of Animal Welfare, the animal may be kept by the finder while attempts to find the owner/guardian are made. If at any time the owner/guardian is found, the animal must be returned to the owner/guardian or SBARC within twenty-four (24) hours of notification.
 - i. If the finder chooses to house and care for the animal, the animal will be held for fifteen (15) consecutive days to give owner/guardian time to come forward and contact the finder.
 - ii. While caring for said animal the finder is responsible for all charges and obeying all pet-related ordinances including but not limited to providing proper: nutrition, medical and grooming care.
 - iii. Should the finder not be able to keep the animal during any portion of the 15-day hold, and if they place the animal with any other person, they shall immediately notify the South Bend Animal Resource Center within 24 hours (or within the following business day) of placement of said animal.

- iv. From the time the finder files the found report, and at any time in the 15-day hold period, upon demand by the Division of Animal Welfare, any found animal must be surrendered to the South Bend Animal Resource Center.
- v. With the exception of the South Bend Animal Resource Center, the finder will be considered the found animal's owner/guardian for the purposes of this Chapter only after the animal is in the finder's custody for fifteen (15) continuous days from the date the found report was filed and the animal has been scanned for a microchip by the South Bend Animal Resource Center or by a Preferred Scanner Partner as provided in this Article.

(b) Preferred Scanner Partner (PSP). Any person, veterinary clinic, animal welfare organization or animal rescue organization that owns and utilizes a microchip scanner and wishes to partner with SBARC to work towards making our community safer may apply to be a Preferred Scanner Partner. PSPs will work in tandem with SBARC to help people and animals in our community and will be listed on SBARC's website as a resource to the community (if PSP authorizes). To become a Preferred Scanner Partner, the following conditions must be satisfied:

- (1) Complete a PSP volunteer application with SBARC;
 - i. The application is to include: the scanner's name, phone number, e-mail address, availability for scanning, and liability release.
- (2) Complete SBARC's training on how to properly scan an animal, which may include:
 - i. Presenting the person's microchip scanner to SBARC to ensure that it is a universal scanner; and
- (3) Testing on how to use the personal microchip scanner by correctly identifying the microchip numbers of five (5) or more animals chosen by SBARC.
- (4) Educate finders of animals on local ordinances and the requirement to notify SBARC of found animals and assist with filling out found report when possible;
- (5) Retain records that will help SBARC identify animals repeatedly running at large in the City. Records should be kept for one (1) year and include:
 - i. Date, time, location of when/where animal found;
 - ii. Characteristics of found animal: species, gender, colors, markings, alter status (if known), collar, and injuries;
 - iii. Microchip number (if found);
 - iv. Rabies tag number (if present);
 - v. Photos of animal whenever possible.
- (6) Notify SBARC if repeat animals running at loose are observed in the community. If a PSP notices a pattern of an animal being repeatedly found running at large, either by

reviewing the records they keep or by observation in the neighborhood, then the PSP shall notify SBARC, share records and work together to investigate the issue.

(7) Preferred Scanner Partner designation can be removed at any time if the PSP does not abide by this Article or fails to accurately scan found animals.

- i. Fines. Failure to file a found report regarding a found animal as a finder may result in a citation of no less than \$50 per violation, per day of the violation.
- ii. Hold Periods.

(8) If the animal is held at the South Bend Animal Resource Center, then it will be held for three (3) days before disposition may be made.

(9) If the animal was initially held by a finder but was transferred to SBARC:

- i. And the animal was held for three (3) or more calendar days, then immediate disposition may be made by SBARC, or
- ii. The animal was not held for the full three (3) days then SBARC must finish the three day hold period before making disposition.

Sec. 5-83. Notification of biting animals; report; procedure.

(a) An owner/guardian or harbinger of any animal which has bitten a person, or another animal must report the incident to the St. Joseph County Health Department and the Division of Animal Welfare and immediately make the animal available for quarantine. Upon receiving the report of a bite, South Bend Animal Resource Center will quarantine the animal for ten (10) days with the place of confinement to be at the discretion of the Division of Animal Welfare. During the quarantine period, the animal is to be securely confined and kept from contact with any other animal or person.

(b) On the day following the end of the quarantine or as otherwise required by the Resource Manager, the owner/guardian or harbinger shall present the biting animal to the Resource Center to verify the animal is still alive and in good health.

(c) During the quarantine period, the owner/guardian or harbinger must provide a current rabies vaccination certificate for his or her cat or dog that is being quarantined. If proof of vaccination cannot be supplied, the animal will be vaccinated by a veterinarian at the owner/guardian's or harbinger's expense after quarantine expires. Vaccination and pet licensing (if applicable) shall be required within fifteen (15) days following the animal's release from quarantine, and the owner/guardian or harbinger must provide the South Bend Animal Resource Center with the name, address and phone number of the veterinarian performing the rabies vaccination, which will be verified before the animal can be released to the owner/guardian or harbinger.

(1) If the animal is quarantined at the South Bend Animal Resource Center, a microchip shall be implanted in it prior to its release from quarantine. The animal shall be registered for its life with the Division of Animal Welfare. The cost of the implant shall be at the owner/guardian's expense before release.

- (2) If the animal is quarantined in a place other than the South Bend Animal Resource Center, as determined by the Division of Animal Welfare, a microchip shall be implanted in it within fifteen (15) days following the animal's release from quarantine. The animal shall be registered for its life with the Division of Animal Welfare. The cost of the implant and registry shall be at the owner/guardian's expense.
- (3) The microchip, used for these quarantine provisions, shall be numbered. This number will provide entry into a data base that contains the animal's bite history. The microchip shall be contained in a sterilized implanting device and shall be individually packaged.
- (4) The microchip and its corresponding registration history shall be considered prima facie evidence of ownership or harboring and animal history for any enforcement action under this Chapter, including but not limited to reckless animal owner, potentially dangerous, dangerous or vicious animal designations and determinations.

(d) No person other than an Animal Welfare Officer or veterinarian shall euthanize or cause to be euthanized any animal suspected of being rabid except in cases of immediate self-protection. If that occurs, the person will retain the body of the suspected rabid animal and immediately notify the Division of Animal Welfare.

(e) Violations of these quarantine provisions may subject the responsible party to civil penalties under this Chapter, City ordinances or other applicable law.

Sec. 5-84. Mandatory notification - veterinarian.

Consistent with I.C. 25-38.1-4-8.5, any veterinarian in the City who is presented with an animal for treatment of injuries or wounds resulting from the reasonable possibility of fighting, abuse or neglect shall file a report with the Division of Animal Welfare and cooperate by furnishing the owner/guardian's or harborer's name, address, contact information, dates, description of animal(s) involved and medical information regarding the incident.

Sec. 5-85 – 5-89. Reserved